

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 51st Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 51 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 54)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off southeast side of PA 851

CITY, TOWN

Stiltz

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Baltimore / PA: York

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☒ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

N/A

## STATUS N/A

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: State boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

BA-1570 entered 3/8/79

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE  
Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. 51(54) marks Mason and Dixon's 51st horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is one of 12 monuments now marking the Baltimore/York county boundary at mile intervals; is an original milestone of 1766 at its original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765, and was reset more securely at that site in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is rural, gently rolling farmland, with a scattered clustering of houses at the small crossroads settlement of Stiltz. The site is located at the east edge of this settlement; about 1700' east of the bend in PA LR-66073; about 3' north of a private gravel lane, across from a small red-painted barn; about 100' west of the fine old Fisher stone farmhouse; in the mowed south edge of an open unfenced field. It cannot be seen from any public road, but easily from the lane all seasons and has been staked by the Fishers with a wood post for protection.

Originally, this monument presumably stood about 3' above ground. It was reset by the Resurvey to stand about 1½' high and now stands less than 1' above ground. Still in place firmly, it is in fairly good condition, with most embellishments clear and intact except for noticeable weathering of the surfaces and chipping of all corners and edges. All four sides measure about 11½" wide and about 9" to 10" above ground. On the north side facing Pennsylvania: the capital P and circle panel are clear; patches of fluting and margins remain. Most fluting and patches of margins remain on the east side. The M and most of the circle panel on the south side facing Maryland are clear, but most of the fluting and margins are gone. And most of the fluting and bits of margins remain on the west side. The top, originally a low 4-plane pyramidal shape, fluted and converging at a centered apex, is now formless and rounded from chipping and weathering.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for descriptions of original Mason and Dixon milestones and method of 1900-03 Resurvey resetting)

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902)

~~BUTLER/ARNDT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 51(54) is significant primarily as one of the 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monumented the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 10 original milestones marking the present Baltimore/York county boundary, No. 51(54) is also of significance locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.34998.439803

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

1/20/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 51 (54)

LINEBORO QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NE/4 WESTMINSTER 15' QUADRANGLE

1953 PHOTO REV. 1974

5663 1 SW  
(GLEN ROCK)

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



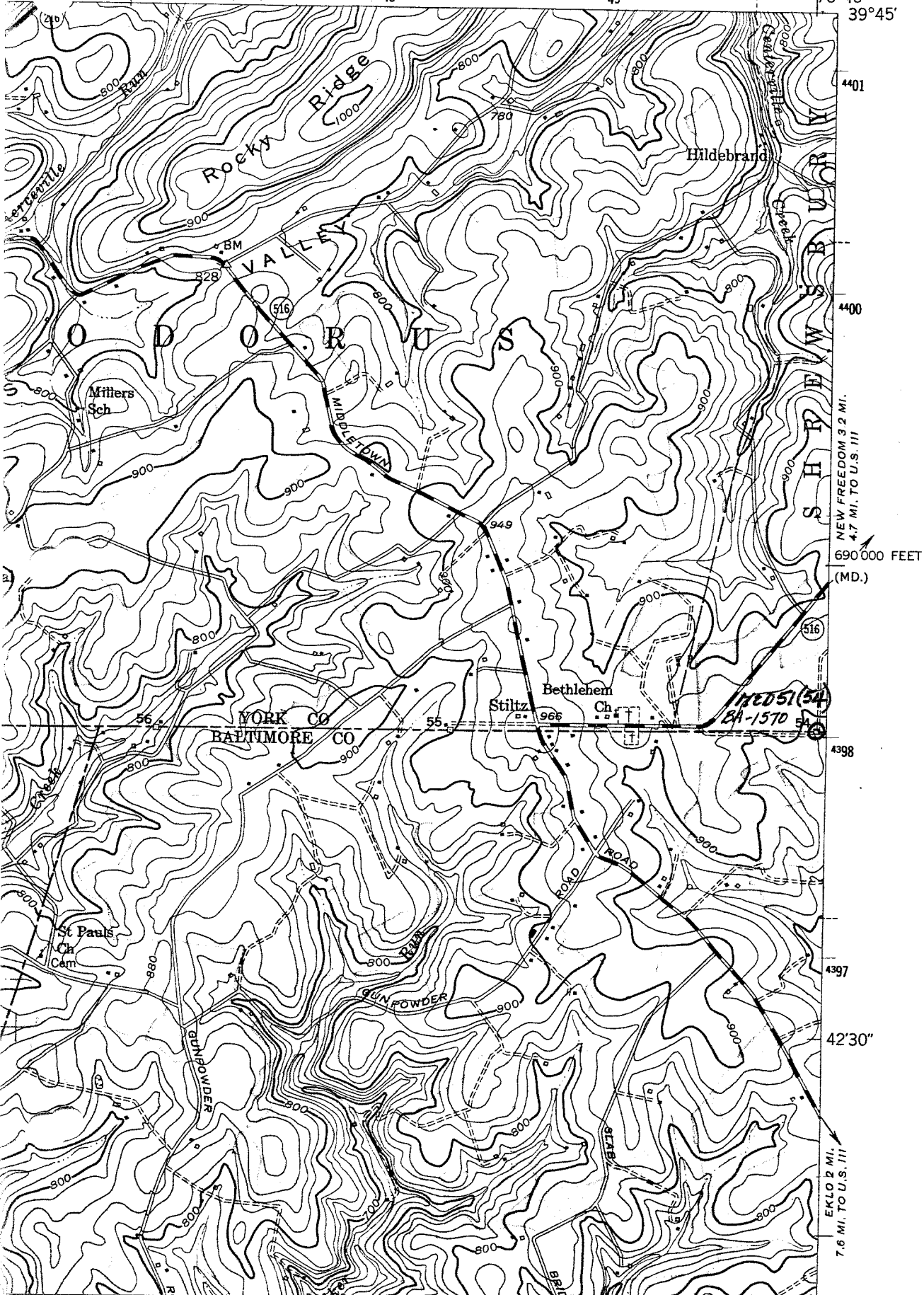
GLEN ROCK 4.1 MI.  
DEVILLE 0.5 MI.

860 000 FEET (MD.)

348

76°45'

39°45'





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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 51 (NE CORNER) (-/P)  
IN RELATION TO PRIVATE DRIVE (54)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 1/20/80 (1980.2.36)





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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 51 (SW CORNER) (-/4)  
(54)

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